AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.   (currently amended)   A hyper text display apparatus for displaying a hyper text document including a plurality of units of link information, comprising:

a link extraction section for extracting each of the plurality of units of link information from the hyper text document;

a link information classification section for classifying the plurality of units of link information into a plurality of groups so that each group includes a prescribed number of units of link information;

a display section for displaying a list of the prescribed number of units of link information included in a specific group of the plurality of groups;

an assignment section for assigning a code to each of the prescribed number of units of link information included in the specific group, the codes assigned to different units of link information being displayed and different from each other;

an input section used to input a desired code; and

a reading section for, when the code is input through the input section while the list of the prescribed number of units of link information included in the specific group is displayed, reading a document at a target link associated with each unit of link information to which the respective code is assigned,

wherein the assignment of the code is performed by the hypertext display apparatus itself whereby the code assignments are compatible with buttons found in the input section.

2.   (original) A hyper text display apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a memory section for storing information on where in the hyper text document each unit of link information is described,

wherein, when the respective code is input in a prescribed input method through the input section while the list of the prescribed number of units of link information included in the specific group is displayed, the display section displays a portion of the hyper text document, the portion including the specific unit of link information to which the respective code is assigned.

3.   (currently amended)   A hyper text display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

the buttons of the input section includes a button bearing bear the respective code assigned to each unit of link information, and

the display section displays the respective code together with each unit of link information.

4.   (original)   A hyper text display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

the input section includes a display group change instruction input section used to input an instruction to replace the display of the specific group with the display of a different group,

the plurality of groups are arranged in a prescribed order, and

the hyper text display apparatus further includes a switch section for, when the instruction to replace the display of the specific group with the display of a different group is input by the display group change instruction input section, switching the display of the specific group into a display of a group immediately subsequent or immediately previous to the specific group.

5.   (original)   A hyper text display apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a scroll section for scrolling the list of the prescribed number of units of link information.

6.   (currently amended)   A hyper text display apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein:

the buttons of the input section ~~includes a button bearing~~ bear the respective code assigned to each unit of link information,

the display section includes a timer for counting a time period in which the button has been pressed, and

when the time period counted by the timer is shorter than a prescribed time period, the reading section reads, into the reading section, the document at the target link associated with each unit of link information to which the respective code is assigned; and when the time period counted by the timer is equal to or longer than the prescribed time period, the display section displays a portion of the hyper text document, the portion including each unit of link information to which the respective code is assigned.